

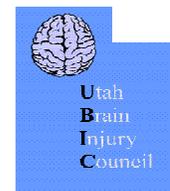


# Utah Brain Injury Council

June 10, 2010

Utah Department of Health (Room 125)

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## **Minutes for June 10, 2010**

### **Attendees**

Kevin Condra - UDOH  
Steve Wrigley - DSPD  
Robert Anderson – Survivor/Advocate  
Brenda Anderson – Survivor/Advocate  
Judith Holt - CPD  
Kris Fawson - USILC

Rolf Halbfell – DSPD (phone)  
Nita Smith – Phoenix Services  
John Ribera, PhD – USU (phone)  
Sue Dubois – CPD  
Sue Olsen – CPD (phone)  
Maureen Richardson - Advocate

### **Excused**

Stacey Cummings - USOR  
Jennifer Wright – Rehab Without Walls  
Joyce Dolcourt – Legislative Coalition

Adina Zahradnikova – Disability Law Ctr  
Trisha Keller - UDOH

### **Review & Approval of May Minutes**

Minutes were approved as written.

### **Introductions for New Members & Announcements**

Sue stated that Access Utah wanted to do an interview with someone on Traumatic Brain Injury in general and she recommended Kevin. Kevin did the interview and stated that it went well and he will try to find a recording of it and forward to everyone.

Nita stated that she really appreciated the work everyone has done with the website; it is very helpful and useful. She wants everyone to be aware of the website and use it.

The Hatch committee is going to be honoring Senator Hatch for all of his work on the ADA and their 20 year anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Center.

### **Update on TBI Partnership Implementation Grant**

#### **a. Update on hiring of TBI Coordinator position**

Kevin stated that the position was posted the State Human Resources website and will close on June 13. He stated that they already had 26 applicants. He also reiterated that he hoped that the applicants would be knowledgeable and have at least 2 years of TBI related experience connecting families/individuals with community services. Nita reiterated that the group had agreed to help get applicants. He hopes that within the next couple of weeks to schedule the interviews. Kevin stated that if you go to [www.utah.gov](http://www.utah.gov) and click on state employment and it will take you to the site.

**b. Update on Contracts**

Kevin stated that they were in legal review and will continue to check on them. He also stated that if there are not too many changes then it won't take too long to get them out to Judith and Ron for signatures.

**c. Update on May 25<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Council for People with Disabilities Meeting**

May 25<sup>th</sup> Kevin and Jennifer presented at the CCPD meeting. He stated that they thought they would have 15 minutes and actually had 30 minutes. Holly Williams also asked Kevin to tell the group about the fund. He stated that they wanted someone to report back to them a couple times a year. Nita stated that CCPD is the UBIG parent organization.

**d. Review & Discussion of DRAFT TBI Public Opinion Survey**

Nita stated that it was sent out by e-mail. Kevin stated that they had talked about partnering with the autism survey; a decision was made to proceed with the autism survey and do a separate one for TBI. Kevin stated that there were two separate documents and he wanted everyone to look at these as wording ideas for questions. He stated that there is a general introductory part that is standard by the UDOH phone bank and this will be added later along with questions on general demographics.

As it stands now... he stated that there are 13 questions concerning demographics, 8 on general knowledge and 19 prevalence questions of these 27 of them can be revised. He suggested that the group go through the questions to see if the number couldn't be shortened. He stated that some of the questions came from different states. He suggested they start with the knowledge questions.

Rolf suggested that they ask who, what, where and when the individuals got their information. Kevin is going to talk to Jennifer Wrathall about any coding issues they may run into. It was suggested that for the multiple choice answers it should be limited to four choices. Ron stated that they needed to make sure they knew the difference between a head injury and a brain injury. Kevin asked Nita to send him the CDC definition for clarification. The group discussed several of the questions and decided that when they start asking the traumatic injury questions there needs to be some type of introduction to these questions. It was suggested that the questions on treatments and services be listed separate.

Kevin asked if someone could help him to take the questions and match responses for each of the questions to see if they could be grouped together or do they need to stay

separate. Nita volunteered to take a look at it. Nita suggested that the survey questions be kept as simple as possible.

Judith stated that you can not mention prevention of the first brain injury on the survey.

Nita suggested that a smaller work group get together and go over the questions and bring back suggestions to the next meeting.

Kevin stated that he would like to get together in the next couple of weeks to go over the phone to further revise the draft survey. Rolf, Nita, Robert, Brenda volunteered and Judith stated that she would be a resource. The group will get together on the June 17th to start going over the questions.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

Nita stated that her and Kevin are not sure who is on which group or if they are on all of them. She stated that she would really like to see everyone on one work group with a chair. Kevin passed around a list for everyone to write down which work group they would like to be on.

#### **a. Training and Education**

They have not met and they stated that they had gotten everything done and they do not currently have a contract. This year they are looking at early childhood in terms of training. Judith and Sue have made some preliminary contacts in the early childhood community. She stated that she really didn't know what they are asking for and that hopefully when they get a coordinator they can move ahead. They are collecting information at this point.

#### **b. Sustainability & Community initiatives**

Sue stated that they are waiting to see what UBIF is doing and the Facebook discussion. It was stated that they thought that using Facebook would be a very good idea. She stated that with all the overlaps between UBIF and UBIC that there will be a meeting on June 10th at 3 pm with the Tech people to go over the aspects of using Facebook. All members are invited to attend.

#### **c. Website & Information Resources**

Kevin said they had met and drafted a survey. He is hoping to assign the new TBI Coordinator to chair the group and he looking for additional members.

### **Next Meeting**

July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.  
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